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SUBJ: WORLD FISHERIES CATCH STATISTICS, 1976

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1. FAO FISHERIES DIVISION HAS JUST PUBLISHED VOL. 42--1976 YEARBOOK OF FISHERIES STATISTICS. THREE COPIES ARE BEING POUCHED TO AMFS ATTENTION JACK WISE. OTHER COPIES ARE BEING POUCHED BY FAO TO ITS USUAL ADDRESSEES. FAO HAS ALSO SENT COPY OF COMPUTER TAPE OF VOL. 42 STATISTICS.

2. VOL. 43 HAS NOT YET BEEN PRINTED. GERTENBACH EXPECTS IT IN FEBRUARY ANF FODAG WILL POUCH ONE ADVANCE COPY AND THEN THREE ADDITIONAL COPIES ABOUT 10 DAYS LATER.

3. GERTENBACH IS ALSO SENDING, THIS WEEK, ONE COMPLETE SET OF 21 REGIONAL FISHERY CIRCULARS TO WISE.

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4. THE TRADITIONAL FAO ANNUAL PRESS RELEASE ON WORLD FISH CATCHES HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

5. GERTENBACH WISHED TO POINT OUT THAT TABLE A-3 HAS BEEN RESTORED--NOMINAL CATCH BY COUNTRIES ARRANGED BY 1976 CATCH SIZE. HE ALSO NOTED THE CUBAN CATCH WAS AN ESTIMATE BUT HE NOW HAS FIGURE--194,000 TONS. CHINA REMAINS AN ESTIMATE BUT

GERTENBACH IS GOING TO HONG KONG TO SEE IF HE CAN GET FIGURES.

6. THE 1976 WORLD FISH CATCH TOTALED 73,467,000 TONS. THIS IS SLIGHTLY OVER 1975'S CATCH OF 69,893,100 TONS. GENTENBACH HAS ASKED EARLY REPORTING FOR 1977 AS HE EXPECTS TO SEE A DROP DUE TO EFFECTS OF 200-MILE FISHING ZONES. GENTENBACH, WHO HAS PREPARED FAO'S FISH STATISTICS FOR 31 YEARS, EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT DUGKNG HIS REMAINING FIVE YEARS HE WOULD NOT PRINT A WORLD FISH CATCH OF 80,000,0# TONS. INSTEAD, HE EXPECTS THE WORLD FISH CATCH TO OSCILLATE AROUND SZYTAUP MILLION TONS.

7. LEADING COUNTRIES BY FISH CATCH IN 1976 WERE:

JAPAN - 10,619,917 TONS
USSR - 10,133,670 TONS
CHINA - 6,880,000 TONS
PERU - 4,343,125 TONS
NORWAY - 3,435,256 TONS
USA - 3,003,910 TONS

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